Property Tax on Central Government Assets

683. SHRI PRASANTA CHATTERJEE: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government, at one point of time, agreed to move in the direction of allowing the local bodies to impose property taxes on Central Government assets and properties; and

(b) if so, what is the latest position in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Question does not arise in view of reply to part (a).

Master Plan-2021 for Delhi

684. SHRIMATI PREMA CARIAPPA: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Delhi Development Authority (DDA) is planning to come out with a Master Plan-2021 for the National Capital Territory of Delhi;

(b) if so, the salient features of the proposed plan and by when it is likely to come in force;

(c) whether Government have decided to include unauthorised colonies in the proposed Master Plan and if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the reasons for the delay in regularising these colonies?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir, The Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has initiated the process of revising the Master Plan for Delhi-2001 with a perspective up to the year 2021. In order to look into the increased demand for physical and social infrastructure, shelter, traffic and transportation, trade and commerce, industry, etc., 12 Sub-Groups have been constituted with representatives of concerned departments of National Capital Territory of Delhi, academic institutions, non-government organizations and local bodies. Drafting of Master Plan is a major exercise which requires extensive discussions with Stakeholders, user agencies and hence takes time for its finalization. The Central Government has also issued broad guidelines to DDA to facilitate preparation of Master Plan for Delhi-2021. The guidelines suggests effective incorporation of unauthorized colonies in the mainstream of urban development.